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1. South Vietnam

Tam Chau's resignation as chairman was rejected today by the Buddhist Institute, according to a leading monk in the organization. It is not yet clear, however, to what extent this is a plus for the voices of moderation among the Saigon Buddhists. The Institute is issuing a communiqué threatening an "appropriate protest" if Ky and Thieu do not carry out their "promise" to step down on Monday.

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The situation in Hue is still in flux. The US consul there believes the outcome will be determined by the maneuvering within the First Division between pro-Saigon officers and those inclined toward the "struggle movement." Troops are now making some effort to disarm the "strugglers" and the regular Hue radio station is off the air.

A clandestine radio is reported to have begun broadcasting today from the Hue area, however. Calling itself the "voice of Buddhist salvation," it is repeating the antigovernment themes formerly carried on the regular station.

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2. North Vietnam

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3. Communist China

Peking is facing poor crop prospects again this year. At this point it seems unlikely that the total early grain harvest will exceed the mediocre level of last year.

China's wheat import requirements in 1966 will probably be at least 6 million tons--4.5 million of which have already been purchased. The tight world wheat situation may make it difficult for China to obtain the full 6 million.

4. Indonesia

Sukarno, as expected, has rejected the agreement recently worked out with Malaysia at Bangkok.

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Sukarno may well come around in due course, but implementation of the agreement is still a considerable time off.

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5. Nigeria

The powerful chiefs in the troubled north are said to be "excited and tough" as a result of their recent meetings with representatives of the military government. The US consul in Kaduna says there are consistent reports that many of the chiefs will push for secession if the government refuses to restore their authority. All of this could lead to another blowup.

6. Guatemala

The Communist terrorists are promising to maintain their campaign of violence, but they may lie low while the state of siege is still in effect.

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7. Dominican Republic

There were several shooting incidents late last night in Santo Domingo. The capital, however, has been quiet this morning.

Bosch, on the radio yesterday evening, announced that his party will investigate fraud in the elections. He said that he would address the nation when the results of this investigation become known, and told the people to stay calm in the meantime.

There are numerous reports that General Wessin y Wessin will attempt to return home from Miami--probably tomorrow. Garcia Godoy, however, seems convinced that Wessin will be kept out.

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